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E.O. 11562: GDS

TAGS: PARM PFOR ICRC VN VS DA

SUBJECT: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

REF: STATE 119953 COPENHAGEN 481

1. AS INSTRUCTED STATE 119953, EMBOFF PRESENTED USG VIEWS ON QUESTION OF INVITING PRG TO ICRC CONFERENCE TO PER FERGO, MFA DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT US STRONGLY OPPOSES INVITATION AND REQUESTED THAT DENMARK RESPOND TO ICRC NOTE AND OPPOSE PRG PARTICIPATION.

2. FERGO SAID DENMARK HAD NOT YET RESPONDED AND AGREED THAT ITS LEGAL POSITION AGAINST DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PRG WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH ACTION REQUESTED BY USG.
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GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY CONSIDER MATTER AS MUCH A

POLITICAL AS A LEGAL ISSUE, HOWEVER, AND IT WILL NOT WISH TO EXPOSE ITSELF TO FURTHER CRITICISM FROM PRG SYMPATHIZERS ON THIS QUESTION. HE REFERRED TO DANISH ABSTENTION DURING DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY, NOTING THAT THIS RESULTED FROM SAME WISH TO AVOID MAKING POLITICAL ENEMIES AT HOME. FERGO CALLED ATTENTION TO FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG'S STATEMENT IN FOLKETING LAST MONTH OPPOSING PRG RECOGNITION, WHICH HAD PRODUCED USUAL DENUNCIATIONS IN LEFT WING PRESS.

3. FERGO ALSO COMMENTED THAT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ITSELF HAD ONLY NARROWLY AVOIDED INVITATION TO PRG, WHEN NORTH VIETNAM WALKED OUT OF CONFERENCE AND ALLOWED INVITATION TO BE DEFEATED BY ONE VOTE. IN HIS OPINION, PROSPECTS WERE NOT GOOD FOR MAINTAINING BAN AGAINST PRG ATTENDANCE UNDER ICRC PROPOSED HEADING OF "OTHER BODIES NOT REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE." CROWE

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